# IMPROVING HARLEM RIVER.

THE SCENE OF THE DEEP ROCK CUT AT DICKMAN'S MEADOW,

Slow but Sure Progress of the Work-Ac-quiring the Land and Determining the Direction of the Canal-And the Cost,

It is now fourteen years since Gen. John Newton made the report on the best route for the improvement of the Harlem River and connecting it by a broad ship canal through Spuyten Duyvil Creek, so as to form an availa-ble channel between the North and East Rivers. Gen Newton's plan was finally adopted with some modifications, and is now being very lowly carried out. The preliminary work was long and perplexing and expensive. There were vexed questions to be settled be-

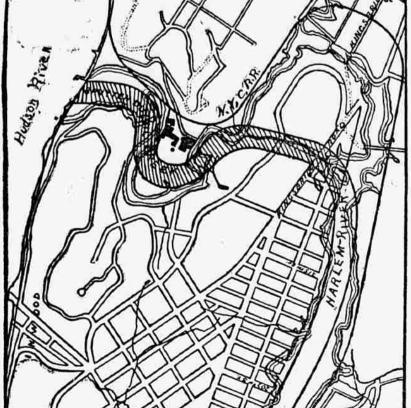
tween the State of New York and the United tates, questions of jurisdiction, of expediency as othe route most available and least costly. The United States Government refused to expend any money until the State of New York had given to the United States absolute control of the land necessary to be taken for the work. After the plan of the route had finally been determined. Commissioners were appointed on behalf of the State to appraise the value of the lands necessary to be taken, to saward damages to owners of property, and to assess adjoining property for benefits. The Commissioners were William F, Smith, William R, Grace, and James D, William R, Grace D, James D, James D, James D, James D, James D, James D, J as to the route most available and least costly.

thirds is rock cutting. It would have been cheaper could this excavated rock be used in structures for the protection of the sides and bottom of the new channel through the marsh. But the comparatively small amount of the apprication would not admit of such a procedure. It has, therefore, been decided to store the rock taken from the cut on land adjoining the work and leave it there until it can be used on other portions of the work. The refuse excavated is used for filling in adjacent marsh lands.

The bids for the Dyckman's Meadow cut were opened in October, 1897. Mr. John Satteries was the successful bidder at 13 cents per cubic yard above mean low water, and \$1.13 for all excavations below mean low water. The contractor must defray all exjenses for dame and rumning. The estimated amount of Mr. Satteriee's contract is \$315,000, which covers about these-quarters of the total appropriation so far. By the terms of the contract Mr. Satteriee ought to get done next June, but from present appearances he will be a year or so behind time. There have been some unforseen difficultios that have been retarding the work. The latest misfortune was an overlow of the dam that filled the cut with water and kept it full for a time beyond the capacity of the pumps to put it out.

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owners of property. In one case \$2,562.10 was swarded, in another case \$1,930.50, and those sums have not yet been claimed. It happens, however, that the assessments and back taxes on these lands probably more than cover the present value of the property.

The city of New York was authorized to issue bonds in advance of the collection of assessments to defray the cost of the awards. When all the assessments are collected and all the swards made the accounts should balance, and the city should have enough to take up the onds and cancel them. If the unknown owners do not turn up their property must be sold. Generally speaking, therefore, the property holders for 1,000 feet each side of the canal pay for the land taken to make the canal, and

the United States Government pays for the cost of constructing the canal. The city will, of course, be put to some expense for building builkheads or piers along the line of the canal. In such form as the Dock Commissioners may think best. The final report of Commissioners Smith, Grace, and Fish was confirmed in July, 1886, about which time the United States au-

Smith. Grace, and Fish was confirmed in July, 1886, about which time the United States authorities began to get seriously to work to construct the canal.

The chief difficulty was, of course, at the Bpuyten Duyvil end of the canal. The winding and tortuous creek runs to all points of the compass, and to follow it with the canal was decided to be practically impossible. The main obstacle was the great cost of rock cutting. The route chosen cuts off the upper end of the Barlem and the lower end of Spuyten Duyvil and makes an entirely new channel on the line of 122d street, following the course of an old mill race, said to have been built about the year 1819 to connect the Harlem and Spuyten Duyvil. This leaves Kingsbridge out of the new channel and involves the cutting of an entirely new water course about 750 feet long along the line of Tenth avenue. Thus a good many bends of the Spuyten Duyvil are avoided. The route is about a mile shorter than it would have been by following the Harlem to Kingsbridge and the corkscrewiSpuyten Duyvil back. After the new channel enters the Harlem it pursues the present course of that stream. The accompanying map shows the most difficult part of the work and the scene of the present active operations.

At present the Harlem and Spuyten Duyvil schange waters at Kingsbridge. The Harlem is navigable up to Morris Dock for vessels that draw 15 feet. Boats of lighter draught go up the Spuyten Duyvil a far as, Kingsbridge. The

draw 15 feet. Boats of lighter draught go up to Fordham Landing, a mile further. At high water vessels drawing 3 feet can go up the spuyten Duyvil as far as Kingsbridge. The range of the tides in the Harlem varies from 3.1 at the Third avenue bridge to 6 feet at the mouth of Dyckman's Creek. The range of tides in Spuyten Duyvil Creek is about 4 feet. There is a slight difference in the height of the tides in the two rivers constantly, causing aperpetual and healthy flow. When the great canal is linished there will be no danger of its being as foul as the Thames or the Scine. Of course, not many years will pass before both sides of the Harlem will be built up, and busy wharves will take the piace of the meadows and mud banks that are there now. But the great body of available water and the tidal flow will make a clean course, with which heither the Thames nor the Scine can compare. Gen. Newton's tilan proposed a channel 350 feet wide. The plan adopted is 400 feet wide, except to save expense the cut through Dyckman's Meadow is left at 350 feet. The new channel will be 15 feet deep at low water throughout its main length, and 18 feet deep in the rock cut. The present plan was adopted in 1879, and the estimated cost of the work was in round numbers \$2.700.000. This is exclusived the land. The cost of the land is obtained, as irond, respectively shown in a manner like that for opening a street. The land required is condemned and paid for, and the money paid for the land is to be obtained by assessment on the rando as arready shown in a manner like that for opening a street. The land required is condemned and pand for, and the money paid for it is to be obtained by assessment on the land benefited. Of course there have been interminable questions as to the value of the land to be laken and the value of the benefit to be onferred upon adjoining lands. Some properly helders refuse to consider the new sanal a benefit and do not want to pay anything. It may take wars and vegre of litting. shall a benefit and do not want to pay any-hing. It may take years and years of litiga-tion to sottle all the vexed questions that have are and may arise out of the confiscation and seesament of land for the canal, but this does not orevent the work going. In

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The total estimated cost of the work is \$2.00,000. The amount thus far appropriated by C. deress is \$431,000. Most of this sum remains in the treasury to cover existing contracts, but a considerable sum was expended or field and office work, for borings and plans, and specifications for contracts. These items are legitimately characable to the whole work, so that there may not apparently be much to how for the first \$500,000. There has really been much work done and the canal is fairly tader way. The work would have been prosecuted more exponentially and to greater advance in the contract of the arrest and the amount appropriated been arrest and the amount appropriated been arrest and the sum that may be produced the variety of the sum that may be produced the main part of the available funds to the present scene of operations at 222d street and Teath avenue, called Dyckman's Mosadow. The place is so much out of the way of travel that but little public attention has been attracted to it.

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periments have been made for the purpose of determining the best means of protecting the sides and bottom of that part of the canal which goes through the soft marsh. This has to be done with cribs and mattresses. All the practical work thus far done has been under the personal supervision of Civil Engineer R. H. Talcott, by whom the original surveys under Gen. Newton were made in 1874. The United States engineer in charge was blout. Col. Walter McFarland, U. S. A., up to the time of his death. Since his death the work has been in charge of Walter McFarland, Lieutenant-Colonel of Engineers, U. S. A.

Of course nobody can tell when this great work will be done, because that depends altogether upon the amount of money appropriated by Congress to defray the expenses. There is no reason why the work should not be seeing on all along the line at once. There is pienty of money in the Treasury. There is great need of more available water from for the city. There are, in fact, at housand reasons why the work should be pushed, and no reason why it should be delayed.

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One great question to be determined when the big canal is done will be what to do with the low bridges. The new Washington Bridge is high enough and its spans are broad enough to admit of passage beneath them of ordinary vessels. The other bridges have draws. They are crossed by busy railroads like the New York Central and Hudson River. The question will be what shall be done with these low bridges when the new canal brings commerce to the long docks of this new commercial mart. Praws will be out of the question. Possibly the bridges may be raised. Possibly they may be torn away and replaced with tunnels. The High Bridge piers are too close together, and several of them must be removed to make room for the new traffic. Perhaps two or three arches may be replaced by a single big span like those of the new Washington Bridge. All these questions must come up, but at the rate these questions must come up, but at the rate the canal is now built it will be a long time before they will become serious questions.

## The Fruits of New York State.

From a Paper Read by Prof. C. H. Peck Before the Albany Institute. The most valuable fruits are those with least seed or indigestible matter accompanying it. The pawpaw is found sparingly in the western part of the State. The mandrake or podophyllum has a plum-like fruit regarded as pleasant eating when ripe. The alumto is an aquatic plant with bright yellow flowers and a tuberous root that tastes somewhat like

pleasant eating when ripe. The alumto is an aquatic plant with bright yellow flowers and a tuberous root that tastes somewhat like a chestnut when reasted. The fox grape is abundant, and its berries are about three-fourths of an inch in diameter. The summer grape has a smaller berry, which is pleasant to the taste. The frest grape is another variety of wild grace. A fourth variety is the river bank grape from which the Pelaware has been derived. The fox grape is the parent of the Isabella, Concord, and other varieties.

The flose tamily includes pears, apples, peaches, strawberries, and many others. The wild trees of the forest have by colitivation given us the rich fruits now on sale in the markets of the State. The June berry, or sind berry, is a promising fruit, and inopes are entertained of list being a marketable fruit. It is found all over the State. The beerfes have been offered on sale in Albany as blueberries, but are yet inferior to them. The white and black thorns do not afford a desirable fruit, as it is too dry for eating. Many varieties of the plum tree are native to the State. Four species of the cherry are found growing wild within our borders, neme of which are to be compared to the cultivated variety. They are all more or less infested with black knob, and so are dangerous to these under cultivation. There are four species of the raspberry indigenous to the State. The red raspberry of commerce is derived from the wild red variety. The black cap raspberry is interior as a fruit, owing to its large seeds and less abundant pulp. The wild black berry is vigorous, and a mere delicious fruit than any cultivated variety. It is a question whether the blackberry of cultivation has lost flavor by domestication, or whether it is derived from another variety.

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Not all the season's novelties at the play houses have been seen yet, by any means. To morrow night the oldest of the German comedians, Joseph K. Emmet, will make known a farcical play called "Uncle Joe" at the Fourteenth Street; at the Standard the light opera Dovetta." will be heard for the first time after much preliminary description and no end of small talk. Next week New York will see "Robort Elamere" as a play for the first time, and Minnie Palmer will come into the list with Leonard Grover's comic piece, " My Brother's Sister." Still later there will be an introduction of "The Oolah" by Francis Wilson, of "Featherbrain" by Min-nie Maddern, of "Annette the Dancing Giri," by Ullie Akerstrom, of still another comic opera at the Union Square, and of a virtually new thing in "The Brigands" at the Casino. These things will provide interest in the theatres until well into the warm period.

Emmet's play, " Uncle Joe," has been prepared with greater care and elaboration than usually attends the production of a dialect comedy. It is to be tried at the Prouteenth of a datect conedy. It is to be true at the Fourteenth Street, with new scenery, and the contains actors and actresses who have done acceptable work. Louise Balfe, Ethel Greybrooks, Alice Manefield, Harold Hartsell, and C. D. Hennett are among the players who will be! Emmet. The latter impersonates the familiar letts, but with new surroundings and in a portion of the globe not hitherto used by hon-Australia. Originally the piece was called "Running Wild. when it was produced on June 31, 1888, at the London Strand. Its author is E. Coffin. For Firmet it has un-dergone the revision necessary to bring it within his field, and has been provided with some new music. Uncle Joe" is to stay at the Fourteenth Street until

There isn't a doubt that Mrs. Emma Marcy Raymond's comic opera. "Povetta," will have an antepletous open-ing night audience at the Standard to morrow. The advantage of a production on one of the most profitable semi-holidays of the theatrical year wil accrue to the work, and if only haif-way meritorious it ought to prove a remunerative speculation for Manager Duff. The opera seems to be distinctly an American effort, for both Mrs. Raymond and her librettist, Mary E. Baunker, are natives, and the flavor of their work is altogether American in subject and locality. "Dovetta," promised from the theatre, will be put on the stage with all the details which usually contribute to success—a well-trained chorus, a good ballet, new scenery and costomes, and a cast of well-known persons, among whom are Frank David and Harry Brown as comedians Will'S Rising and Joseph Lynde as chief singers, Rose Leighton, Fatmah Diard, Emily Soldene, and Hattle Delaro. Miss soldene's return from the ranks of buriesque is an incident of note. Miss Diard has not been seen here in years, although she used to be well liked. Mrs. Raymond's friends will crowd the Standard to morrow night, of course. The opera's duration depends entirely upon the popular verdict. One of the new plays will be "Bobert Elsmere" next

week at the Union Square. William H. Gillette has dramatized Mrs. Humphrey Ward's famous novel in spite of her protest, and for several weeks past a comnany organized by one of the Frohmans have been get ting the drama in shape on a circuit. Its first New York production, a week from to morrow night, cannot help being one of the interesting theatrical events of the season. While it has been necessary, say the management to make, for the purpose of dramatic effect, some departure from the story of "Robert Elemere," and to ollow several of the mi nor characters as well as introduce a new rôle, the main theme has been adhered to, its chief personages faithfully produced, and its treat-ment generally made worthy of so grave a subject. The company would seem to be suited to interpret the different roles. Edwin H. Vanderfelt, well known here, is the Eigners, and John T. Sullivan, who went to England with Richard Mansfield and did the best work of his life there, is the Langham. Dorothy Dorr, whose grave caricature in "A Possible Case" was good, plays Catherin Eimere, and pretty Effic Shannon, who wearied of innocuous desuctude at Daly's, is cast as Rose. The other in the play comprise William H Thompson, one of th best character actors of our day, Harry Harwood, who used to rival Frederic Bryton as the star of "Forgiven," and May Robson recently of the Madison Square forces and others equally as competent. It may be said, with out tending to disturb advance interest in "Robert Els mere," that its financial returns on the road have not been large, though it has everywhere attracted the thoughtful attention of intelligent playgoers. Its stay at the Union Square will probably not be onger than six weeks, and perhaps not so long as that. All will depend upon its public treatment.

Easter week will bring to a close the engagement of

Helen Barry in "A Woman's Stratagem" at the Union square. With most of the circumstances against her, the Lenten season duliness combined with the fears of her friends, who had deemed Scribe's comedy too quiet for wide approval, and with her own lack of extract dinary ability, she has nevertheless achieved some de gree of success. Certainly the audiences of late have been cordial, of good size, and of imposing character. A comic opera of American workmanship will be heard upon this stage later, and after that we will have

Whenever the present piece shall cease to be profitable at Palmer's, the McCauli Company will make a change to "The Clover," but that probably will not be for weeks to come, for "The May Queen" has already won a great deal of favor, with no token of its abatement. "The Clover" is an adaptation of Franz Von Suppe's latest operetta, and it will come to us with an excellent German endorsement. The company began to rehearse it last week, and there is already a unanimous prediction among them that the music will create a sensation, by reason of its infectious gatety and its entire originality. It will be essentially a costume work, for the scenes are laid in four countries. Marion Manola will Impersonate several characters. De Wolf Hopper will fornish an abundance of low comedy, and there will be good parts for of the prominent singers. After "The Clover" Mc-Caull has still another tried piece at his disposal.

At the Madison Square in a fortnight, and after the The plot of this comedy deals with the adventures of a young girl who is at once imaginative, romantic, and forgetful. Although she is married, she has a fondness for a young man whom she has known from childhood. One day she hides the letters that have passed between them, but by and by, when she has grown more sedate, she fails to remember where she had placed the delicate epistles, and after a time both she and the former lover believe that they have fallen into the husband's hands. But she finally finds the lost letters where she had orig inally placed them, and this brings to an end a comedy of a thoroughly French type. It is promised that every-thing in the way of scenery in this production will be new, and that there will be an especial novelty in a spiral stairs, supposed to flead to lodging rooms in the house. This will be the chief scene for the comedy sit-uations. Minnle Maddern will play Featherbritis, and she has already engaged a somewhat netable company.

Clinton Stuart has delivered to the Lyceum a free adaptation of a French play intended for the debut of Mrs James G. Biaine, Jr. The heroine is an American woman, but she figures in Parisian scenes. The work in the original is strong, and Mr. Stuart, who is an expert playwright, deems it excellent for the purpose of put ting Mrs. Blaine forward advantageously. There will be both sentiment and merriment in this version. If B. Conway, the London actor, will be in the cast. The date of the venture is not fixed. "The Marquise," which has been excellently acted by the Lyceum's regula cempany, will give way after Saturday night to a re-vival of "The Wife," with which the Lycoum season will close on May 18. Herbert Kelcey, W. J. Lemoyne-Georgia Cayvan, Louise Dillon, and Nelson Wheatereft will impersonate their former roles in the agreeable

Sensationalism will rule at each of Jacobs's east side theatres this week. Kate Purssell will come back from the road with "The Queen of the Plains," or "Calamity Jane," as some people used to know it. She will be at the Thalla. At the Third Avenue Frank I, Frayne, a popular actor with a large portion of our play goes, will produce. "Kentucky Bill." for the first time in this city. It offers him a chance for his usual display of lions, bears, tigers, and horses. Next week the Third Avenue will have Corinne as a "return" star. At to night's concerts at the Thalis and Third Avenve liughey Dougherty, the old-time minstrel, will be among the

"The Henrietta." with Hobson and Crane as the Far Attitude, has had much of its early city success at the Star during the past week. The comedians stay three weeks longer. Utile Akerstrom, a new star to this metropolis, will follow them. Her manager has rented the theatre, and all the risks of her city introduction will

After Goodwin and " A Gold Mine " depart next Fatur day night at the Fifth Avenue, Minnie Palmer will pre-sent, for the first time in New York city, "My Brother's Sister." It has yot to meet the criticism of the metropo lis, but for a year or more it has been accepted else, where In it Miss Palmer appears variously as a street Arab, a gay young cadet, a serving maid, and a society young lady. She is to stay a month or so.

Thatcher, Primrose & West's Minstrels, the ploneers of modern evolution in burnt cork amusement, will come back to town this week and will draw to the Grand Opera House, no doubt, their usual fine sudiences. The show is headed by the three wenithy proprietors, each

"Said Pasha" will finish its fortuight at Niblo's next Saturday. Its revival has been made in far better man-ner than that which characterized its production at the star, and on the whole it may be said to have reached a semblance of success at this visit. Next week "Zig Zag" comes to Nibio's, with its former cast, and some new musical specialties. Entirely new scenery is being built and painted for the production of "A Noble son" at Niblo s on May 13. F. J. Buckley is the star, and Man-ager Herliner says he has engaged a strong company

A fair sample of the current species of tank melodrams. Leopard Grover's "Lost in New York," is the change of bill at the People's this week. It is, in truth, a rehabilitation of an older play, with real water let into it. The actress known as Hiss Patrice imperson-

ates the heroins, who was Cod, the Tombes, when Carrie Swain played the part. Lillian Lewis, a handsome woman and an emotional netress of some strength and promise will present Lawrence Marston's version of As in a Looking Class" about the middle of next month, immediately preceding a revival of Soucicault's "After Dark" by the Webster-Brady company.

side to morrow night at the Windsor, and a large num-ber of seats have been sold for her engagement. She will be assisted by Kyrle Rellew and nearly all the com-pany that appeared with her at Palmers. Her week has been arranged as follows: Monday and Saturday nights and at the Wednesday matinee, "Romen and Juliet; Tuesday and Thursday and Saturday matines. "Camille," Wednesday night, "She Stoops to Con-quer," Friday, "The Lady of Lyons." Gus Williams, in "Keppler's Fortunes," will be the centennial attrac-tion at the Windsor, and there will be four matiness that week. The theatre will be decorated inside and out. A new drop curtain has been painted showing the Godden of Liberty with her right hand resting on a portrait of George Washington. At every performance Will and his company and a quartet will sing "The Spangled Banner," and the audience will join in.

A goodly number of favorites of the vandevilles will give along and bright entertainment at Tony Pastor's comfortable Fourteenth street house this week. As the season wants the effort of Pastor seems to be to make each succeeding bill better than its predecessors. That undertaking is rewarded with success is a fact. The present programme includes Lester and Allen, in their last appearances this season: Harry Watson and his wife, a pair of clover character sketch performers; Edwin French, banjoist. Maggie Cline, singer of vigorous libernian songs; Baldwin and Daiy, acrobatic dancers and comedians; Elia Wesner, in new and novel im-personations; the Davises, singers and dancers, and Prof. Harry M. Parker and his dog and cat circus.

Marshall P Wilder, aided by theatrical friends will give his annual matines at Paimer's next Tuesday afternoon. One thing about this affair is sensible. Wilder does not appeal to public charity, and he does not call the occasion a benefit. He feels indebted only to the volunteers, who wid give to the andience doubt-less a full mone's worth. These performers will in-clude Ross Cogulan, Georgie Drew Barrymore, Mrs. Cottrelly, Marion Maneia, Maurice Burrymore, De Wolf Cottrelly, Narion Nanota, Maurice arrymore, he work Hopper, Digby Bell, Will S. Rising, Burr McIntosh, W. A. Lackaye, Jeff De Angells, Nanue Horton, and Tommy Russell, who will recite "Somebody" Mother. "The en-tertainment will finish with a travesty of "Romee and Juliet," in which Wilder will be Romey, Hopper, Julier, and De Angelis the Nurse. At Proctor's next Sunday night Louis Robie, who manages the entertainments at the highth Avenue Theatre, will give a show, arranged by the Growlers' Club. Most of the volunteers will be raudevillers, but the bill will be long and attractive.

At Koster & Bial's this week the engagements are Lamont and Siegrist funny acrobats: Albert Hubler, a comedian of diminutive stature, Georgie Blake, charac er change performer; Touer and Frobel, serialist Ceorge M. Jackson in roller skating, M. Sabion, and Prof. Sherman and his educated goats. The Chinese pantomime is the afterplece. Preparation is made for a entennial ball at this concert garden on April 20.

Eight Hungarian dancing girls will make their first appearance in this country at the Eden Musee on April 24. They are said to be pretty and graceful, and they will wear the national Hungarian coatume of red peculiar czardis.

It is the intention at the Casino to make the 250th representation of "Nadly" on April 26 the crowning event in the history of the merry operatta, and scarcely s day passes that the management does not tell of some thing added to the novelties prepared. It will require about 100 dozen of cut flowers to decorate the boxes and the auditorium. The embossed souvenirs are de-ciared to be the most elaborate ever distributed at the Casino. In the mean time music rehearsals of "The Brigands" are being pushed forward with alacrity, and the models of the scenes are ready for the artists. Nasly, has yet another mouth in which to disport her charms however.

This is the last week of the season at Daly's "Sam on and Dailian" will be repeated until Thursday night, when "A Night Off" will be revived. For Friday even ing and the Saturday matines "The Squire" will be re produced, and the home term of the company will close with "7-20-2" on Saturday night. There will be no delay in starting the summer season here, for Resina Vokes and her small but select company of comedians will reappear a week from to-morrow night. "Little Lord Fauntleroy's" last nights at the Broad-

ray are nigh. So is the farewell plane recital of Von Bulow, which is set down for next Thursday afternoon. Francis Wilson's summer opera venture will start earl

Hoyt's humorous and sentimental transfer to the Hijon stage, in "A Midnight Bell," of scenes in a Yankee vilstage, in "A Midnight Bell," of scenes in a Yankee vilare, has passed its fiftieth performance, and will by yond a dubt last through the seaton. To morrow might will enter its eighth work. Even during Holy Weel the worst in the year for theatricals, Proctors Twenty third street was filled at every performance of "The County Pair." Nell Burgesse 24/2011 Prue and the editing horse race are the subject of conversation a over the town. The demand for seats for the next weeks is very large. The commencement of Wednesda matiness at Proctor's will be on April 24. On Thursia evening last "The Old Homestead' ended its thirty third week at the Academy. It has seven week before the completion of its first season at that house leavy advance sales for the week of the centennia celebration has led to the erira matiness, making te performances in six days. Uncle Jordan is sanguin that it will be a first season at the longest and will be particularly a time that we have been seen to the the city and he means to advance as a surrely manness at Froctor's and the Bijon, too, as these rir plays are calculated to please the centennial visitors.

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About all the theatires will be open a week from tonight, to be filled by centennial sudiences if the visitors are so minded. At the Academy, Italo Campanini promises an elaborate concert programme, in which he will be assisted by Mme De Vere, Miss Russell. Del Puente, and others. At Niblo's the "Said Fashs" opera company in full will offer a programme of national and patriotic airs by the principals of the organization, assisted by the commany's chorus of sixty voices. Other bills are being arranged. But the evening of the present Sunday is not developed to developed to the week by patriots with pleasing comfort, at the Elem Musee, while Redely Nacris band decourses national misingless each after night for the present the Grand open House by Comment will describe with copious illustrations. "A Delightful Trip from New York to London." The lecture on "The Modern Fayan," no lower person than Col. Robert d. Ingeries and the Union Sunday and the Union Sunday and the Union Sunday and the Uni

## In the Brooklyn Playhouses,

Easter week will witness a revival in busi-ness at the playhouses in Brooklyn, and suitable at-tractions have been provided to meet the demand for good entertainments, now that Lent is over. At t Park Theatre, the somewhat ancient but none the less popular "Evangeline" will be presented for a week. The scenery is the same as that used last season and part of this but it has been touched up and brightened part of this out it has been to the reproduction. The cast includes many excellent performers, such as Nee Branson, Amelia Giover, Frankle Remble, Freue Verona, Helen Mariborough, Lifa How Currie Wallace, George Fortsacte, James S. Mattl. and Hichard Gorman. On Thursday afternoon a benefit will be given to the well-known manager, John P. Buntth, at the Park, and a number of popular artists will appear.

benefit will be given to the well known manager. John will appear, the Park, and a number of popular artists will appear. He had by the Knemy' will be at the Lee Arenue Academy of Music. The company and play have both been seen in Brooklyn this assays at Col. Sinna Park Theatre, and the drama was a pronounced success. The mechanical effects used in some of the seenes make a stactator feel as though in the midst of an actual bombardment, and when it one of the most exciting passages of the play, a shell crashes through the while of the building mio the room then through the other width the building mio the promises the realism reaches of the Leevento the least in the cast, and the antisences of the Leevento the least in the cast, and the antisences of the Leevento the least my may rest assured gibey have a first-class entertainment for Laster week.

Imre hiralty's revival of "The Black Crook" will be placed upon the stage of the Academy of Music in Brooklyn, and will enjoy a week's acceptance, no doubt. The company is said to be large, and in the cast are several well known names. The old spectacle will have a showy production. Interest in "The Black trook" seems never to die. For it has been revived that the Academy will prove a lively one after the quiet the Academy will prove a lively one after the quiet rein of Lent.

The Brooklyn Theatre announces a border drama. "On the Frontier," for the first time in Brooklyn, be the latte and you here from the young the blatte and you here from the play has been the latte and you here from the play has been

On the Frontier, for the first time in Brookyn, by the Hardie and You Leer company. The play has been on the Western circuit this season with fairly good auc-cess and comes well spoken of by the press of several cities. The situations are thrilling, it is asserted, and the climates all that could be demanded. It will run all the west all that could be demanded. climaxes all that could be demanded. It will run
the week.

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only in the Novelty Theatre, Williamsburgh, for a
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Florence J. Bindey and her border drama, "Dot," will do the boards at the Criterion Theatre dering the control of the regulation of the control of the regulation of the control of the regulation of the control of the cont ble our.

The Chialtence Specialry Company will entertain the
audiences of the Grand Theatre this week. The Vidocus,
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Wetsler, a Clair and Leslie. Bells extra in Fritz and
Wetsler, and others are in the party. A good variety
bill will be given every evening and at the usual
matthews.

mationes A Zinpa Casino Mme Macort will amuse the specta-tors with her trained cats and dogs. Fred Macort will show his skill, in the character of a dude, on the slack wire. Minite Schill will sing some new source, and fred Winans and Mabel Hudson will add their talents to the There will be no public attraction this week at the Amphion academy, the house having been leased to private parties for the week. QUESTIONS BY SUN CORRESPONDENTS

A bets that a person can take three degrees in Ma-onry in a single hight, entered apprentice, fellowcratt, and master Mason, B bets he can't Flease decide. STARMOLDER, It can be done, and was done during the war, but it is not customary to rush things so much. In fact, we don't

know that it has been done since the war. Mrs. Potter makes her first appearance on the east A cornes from Massachuseits to New York; at the expiration of a two months' residence here a torroner, insetting him on the street, emplaines him to serve as a force. The third that the street emplaines him to serve as a force. The third that the price to public office her to the citizens that to vote. Is he then bound to comply with that Corners demand? Is he eligible to serve at all as a proof. If, in case he he incliently be served at as a proof. If, in case he he incliently the served at a served at a proof of the third to the served at a proof of the served as jury at the inquest could not the verdict arrived at by the jury on which he served he set adde as contrary to law?

Historium, April 11

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Hooseley, April II

A would not be eligible to serve, and wouldn't be
bound to serve, but he might get into trouble if he re
fused to serve, so that it might be less bothersome to serve than to light the matter out; still, he would be

perfectly right in refusing to serve. What good would it do if the Coroner's verdict were not aside? Did John Kelly ever run for Governor of this State Yes, in 1870. He had quarrelled with Lucius Robinson, and bolted his nomination. Tammany put tim up for Governor, and he got 77,500 votes, against Robinson's 375,790. A. B. Cernell get 418,567, however, and

alipped into the Governorship 1 Do Methodists immerse in haptism t. 2 Was if American mag flying from Tax Sex s scall on March this year? 1. Methodists do not immerse. 2 No.

How many mines have we got? What do the letters  $(x, \cdots, 0) = (1, \cdots, 0)$  mean, that appear under the wreathen our coins? min's at Philadelphia, New Orleans, Sun Francisco, Denver, and Carson City. The first three are still coining. Coins struck at Philadelphia are not marked "Sistants for the San Francisco mint, "O." for the New Orleans mint, "C. C." for the Carson City mint.

Is Fred Grant a regular graduate of any of our toy-He was graduated from West Point in 1970.

Are there any two public offices in Great Britain ex cluding those held by the royal tamily, which have sain ries of Elithericach? What is the salary of the Lord Chief Justice? W. R. G. No two officeholders in Great Britain draw sainries of floors: but several offices in the enjoyies have such ernor General of Canada. The Vicercy of India has a salary of \$25,000 and several residences; the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland has £2(19) and residences. The Lord Chief Justice of England gets 28,000 a year.

What is the origin of the expression, "It suits me to a T." Is it good Inglish? It comes from the use of the T square; a thing that fits to a T fits exactly, jts angles are true, and its suice square. It is good English.

1. How long does it take a person's voice to change 2. Who was John Harper, mentioned in Cooper a "Ney." E. F. M. 1. It depends on the person, perhaps 18 months is the average time. 2. John Harper, as we recallect, was Washington himself.

Can a nun, who wishes to return to the world, he de tained by force in her convent? Constant Ruaden. According to the ecclesiastical laws she can be accerding to the laws of the United States she cannot be. But what nuns are so detained?

1. Where can I find Washington's "Farewell Address" 2. Is den J. E. R. Stuart still living ? A Is "thristopher Siy" in a novel, or is he a stage character? I. You can find it in the first volume of "The States man's Manual," published in 1840-51; it may also be found in every life of Washington. 2, tien. Stuart was mortally wounded at the Yellow Tavern, near Rich. mond, and died June 12, 1864; he is buried in the Holly. wood Cemetery, Richmond, R. "Christopher Siy." is the "drunken tinker" in the induction to Shakespeare a "Taming of the Shrew."

Some weeks ago a correspondent asked where the holy water of Lourdes could be procured; if she will apply at the Redemptorist Church, Third street, near Avenue A, she cau get all she wishes. We thank you.

 Can I. having declared my intention of becoming a citizen, legally hold real estate?
 What is the best history of the United States?
 Yes; you are entitled to the privileges of citizen. ship. 2. Hildreth's is excellent. A history brought down to date is also published.

An expert accountant asserts that the period is alone properly used for punctuation of fluires. I claim that the comma should be used between thousands and multiples of thousands, and that the period should only rollow units to denote decimal fractions of the unit, where such must be indicated. Which is correct, the content of the unit.

You are right. Your expert is grievously wrong. flow much, in cents and mills, is a new English six-Taking the sovereign as worth \$4.500, the sixpence is

What is the right way of addressing a letter to the Bishop of New Jersey! "Right Rev. John Scarborough, D. D. Trenton, N. J.,"

seems to us sensities and short.

I often read in the Supreme Court reports of Justice Miles Heach and of Justice E. L. Fursman, but the Evening Journal stimate does not give those names in its flat of Supreme Court Justices, why not?

G. H. W.

Miles Beach is a Justice of the Court of Common in Rennselaer county. Judge Fursman, however, is not properly described as even acting as Justice of the Sureme Court in the Third district, he has the powers of Supreme Court Justice, but does not sit in the Supreme Court. The reason why Judge Beach's name Whence the expression, "Familiarity breeds con

During the Lenten season in 1856, twenty-three years ago, the late Mr. George Vandenhoff gave a course of readings at his rooms, adjoining the old Wallack's Fleaten and on one occasion read a very nathetic little piecin called "Louise on the Doorstep." I have never been able to find it since. Can you tell me anything about it.

We do not know the poem.

Please inform "Curio" that a poem called "The Postmans & Knock" was set to music and published some years ago, and had a very farge sale in fraismand. I have no don't but "Curio" only procure a copy at a Broad way music store As far as I can recollect it began. "What a wonderful man the postman is, As he burries from door to door. What things of grief and joy he brings, Aike to the rich and poor."

I do not remember any more of the poem except the refrain, which is:

Jone M. Hatt.

We thank you. Another correspondent gives the

F. S. Hartford,-We don't know of any comparative estimate such as you want.

Old Reader. - Dan Collyer, the actor, was born in 1853;

Eugene Canfield was born in 1851. Ettot -- Your coin seems to be a half runes; it may be worth \$1. It is an East Indian coin. P. J. Donnelly.-The population of Mobile, Ala.,

about 40,000; the city is 350 miles from Jacksonville. F. H. T .- Miss Mary Anderson was born in Sacramento. Kentucky.

Ed. Moran.-Your father's nationality extends to you so that, unless you have become naturalized elsowhere you are an American. Steward .- Union prisoners of war received full pay for

he time they were confined, but not extra pay: capture a chance of war, foreseen and prepared against Doubiful - A man who was born on Jan. I. 1800, and dies Jan. I. 1800, lives to be 80 years old; he lives one year in the eighteenth century and 38 years in the

Anderson -Before it was destroyed by fire, tier, m 1882, the Fark Theatre stood on the southeast corner of Broadway and Twenty second street, where Brooks

## At Worth's Palace Museum

J. W. Coffey and Heinrich Schlummen berger the two enterprising wife hunters whose persistent advertising of late has attracted more or less attention. have drawn crowds of people to Worth's Palace Museum this week. They are sincere, they say, in their search for wives, and if they succeed in finding satisfactory brides will both be married at the museum. Their conbridges will both be married at the misseum. Their con-tract with the management of the house simply states has they are to make the misseum their headquarters, and that they are to receive all letters and personal ap-plications in reply to advertisation since in the con-pensal advertisation and he has selected three out of all that number whom he desires to meet there out of all takes whom he has seen has impressed him never the and if, upon further acquaintaines the term of the nut improbable that at least one of the term of the personal get a partner for life. If the personal the term of the tition the Legislature Mr. remove several syllables from his mane, and then personal to marry him, as he is not at all bad looking.

#### The Week at Doris's Museum. John B. Doris's dime show at 351 Fighth

avenue maintains its evident popularity by the tender of more than the money's worth of amusement to the patrons. It is semestimes difficult to figure how Doris can make a profit, yet it is certain that he has realized very handsomely on his venture from its first week. To morrow in his curb halls, the Blatts hash and wife, will go through their novel feat in a fank of water. Samen will break from hands, seel chains Ac. Lopto W. Thursh, the highest will return for its recentling.

### POLITICAL NOTES.

The total collections received to date for the meeting hall which the Republicans are to build in opposition and rivalry to Tammany amount to \$23,747.35.

The saction of the United German Democracy which eparated from the other section and supported Mr Grant for Mayor last year has expelled George U. Davis its Secretary, from membership. The German Peme crats are not ideal politicians, and much of the difficulty which attends the movements which they inaugurate is due to this fact. If a member of one of their organizations becomes very active as a leader, he is regarded as it without preparation, leadership, or definite purpose.

Tammany expects to raise \$12,000 for Gettysburg.

It will be fourteen years in November since Henry A of those Democrats who were opposed to Tammany, and received 74,164 votes, against 50,229 for Judge member, met the irish team at Polymount on June 28, 1870. Mr. Gideraleeve hit eleven bull'sleyes out of officers shots at 903 yards, a similar number at 900 yards, and eight out of fifteen at 1,000 yards. His score was one of the best. The others in the team were: Gen. T. S. Dakin, Col. John Bodins, Najor Henry Futon, B. W. Vale, and R. C. Coleman, The term of Judge Glidersleeve's successor will expire on Jan. 1, 1991. The Republican business men who were so active it

singing songs for Harrison last summer and fall, and why with John P. Pinnener, Elfort P. Shepard, and A. H. Whitney at their head, have been fundamer such large installments of advice to the national Administration, are going to give a dinner on April 26 to Collector Erhardt, Postmasier Van Cott, and Assistant Secretary Roberts, the three New York appointers of Mr. Harri-won. Lake most of the political moves of toose gentlemen, the banquet bids fair to do the Republican cause in New York more harm than good, for while the gentiemen who have received the fat plums of Federal recognition are being feasted, wined, and toasied, about ROF, Republican pairing who have been aspiring to offices of more modest character are left chattering and freezing in the cold of disdain, lioping against hope for a word from Washington, like them who waited for the letter that never came. Their sorrow will not be ap-peared when they read of the tanquet which is to be given on the 20th by the tenors and baritones of the Republican organization here. April 26 falls on Friday, an ominous day.

If John F. McIntyre, known to political fame as the most popular man in Yorkville, enters the field in the Ninth Senatorial district against Charles A. Stadier, a prospective candidate for reslection to Albany, the fur will fly on the apper east side, and the leaders will not be able to let we until the election is over. Those who ished which will be in a few months, will make

North-Senatorial district against Charles A. Staller, a prospective candidate for received in the race of the photo and the leaders will not be able to let up and it the election is over. These who know Meintyre are sanguine that stadler will make an accelitate second in the race.

The fewer Republicans, the more contesting factions among them in downstown districts.

The office of Chamberlain, to which Mayer Grant the receiver appointed the Tammany ratioward, Richard Croker, is one precider to New York, and the history of its evolution at rather an old one. The first cutodians of the control of the

Mininger Barry avers that no attraction of the many he has had since the opening of the Grand Museum has had a drawing power like that of the Cosffed African. This remarkable individual is now inned to hope completely with the exception of one form. The process has been going on for more than twenty six years, and it seems a question of very little time before the one joint now possessing action will be arrigid as all the others. The limiting called the inving mermaid will be held over for another week, and just allowed is ther will be the greatest of all liminons. Busbeards terrible bridge chamber in which six hying, speaking hads will be seen separated by a yard or more from the besides to which they be ong. The female fencers give the best of saturation, and Miss Lya

# NEWS OF THE RAILROADS.

INFORMATION FROM EFERY QUARTER,

North, South, East, and Also West. Mr. S. E. Stohr, general agent of the Texas and Pacific in this city, has been appointed to fill the office of general Eastern agent of the Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City, which was vacated by his brother, P. C. Stohr, who has

become general freight agent at Chicago. A good many persons living along the line of the New York, Susquehanna and Western road are inclined to think that there is a solid foundation for the rumors current that the line is soon to be absorbed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In connection with these reports, the fact may or may not be significant that the Susquehanna and Western company is now engaged taking an unusually careful and therough inventory of all its possessions and property.

The Orange County Railroad Company, which s building the link between the Lehigh and Hudson road at Chester, and the Poughkeepsie lirbige connecting railroad at Campbell Hall, has let the contract for the great fill which is to carry its line over the Erie tracks and the low onion lands adjacent at Greycourt station. The fill is to be 2,000 feet long, and will require enormous quantities of earth and stone. The contractors are Ross & Sanford of Jorsey City.

The New York and Massachusetts and the Newburgh, Dutchess and Connecticut Rallway Companies are jointly engaged in making a survey of a route from Boston Corners, N. Y., to Chicopee, Mass. This will give them access to the main system. It is also the purpose to build a road from Dutchess Junction to the proposed suspension bridge over the Hudson, near St. Anthony's Nose. It is now expected that the Poughkeepsie and Connecticut Railroad will be in active opera-

tion about the middle of May. The stations along the line have not yet been definitely determined upon, but it is believed they will be as follows: One near Pleasant Valley, and others at Hibernia, Stanfordville, McIntyre, Stissing, Pine Plains, and Silverpail's Bridge. Rapid progress is being made on the Cumperland Valley Railroad extension between Martinsburg and Winchester, and when nn-

mesting of the county Committee of the County Demogration of the County Demogration and the county of the County Demogration and the the money had already been cell because of the County Demogration o